time taken in tying up Project monitoring infrastructure, delineation of responsibilities between the MES and the architects and the processing of the stage II contract. The Naval Academy is likely to be commissioned with the intake of first batch of cadets in 2001 A.D. The Academy is expected to be completed by mid 2003.

Rabies Vaccines

4778. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sufficient effective rabies vaccines are not available in the country;

(b) if so, the details of different types of vaccines produced/available in the country;

(c) whether the Government have any plan to supply rabies vaccines to the States or assist the State Governments in the Synthesis of the vaccines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) State Government are directly procuring anti-rabies vaccines from the producers.

Dry Docks

4779. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Dry docks in Private and Public Sector presently in working condition in the country, stating the name of places and specifying Private and Public sector separately;

(b) whether any Dry dock was given on lease basis to private sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) There are 4 Dry docks in Private Sector and 16 Dry docks in Public Sector in working condition in the country as follows:–

Private Sector	No. of Dry docks
Chokhani International Ltd., Madras	2
Western India Shipyard Ltd., Goa	2
Total	4

Public Sector	No. of Dry docks
Cochin Shipyard Ltd., Cochin	2
Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Visakhapatnam	2
Mumbai Port Trust, Mumbai	2
Calcutta Port Trust, Calcutta	5
Mazagon Dock Ltd., Mumbai	1
Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Ltd., Calcutta	1
Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd., Calcutta	1
Port Blair (One under A&N Administration and one under Indian Navy)	2
Total	16

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Netaji Subhas Dry Docks at Calcutta Port were leased out to a private firm in June, 1994. However, Calcutta Port Trust has resumed it back in March, 1996 due to violation of terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement by the firm.

[Translation]

Use of Official Language

4780. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of use of official language Hindi among the soldiers of three wings of the Defence forces and the manner in which the annual programme for progressive use of Hindi in three wings is being implemented;

(b) the form in which Hindi training programme is being implemented and the number of Hindi workshops organised in the last year;

(c) whether the Government is going to observe September, 1996 as Hindi month;

(d) the number of Hindi magazines and journals being published from the various departments of his Ministry; and

(e) whether those departments, which come under the section 10(4) and 2(4) of the official language Act, are doing their work in official language Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) All the soldiers in the Army know Hindi and they use it in their day-to-day work. The use of official language Hindi among the airmen is more than 50% and in Navy, it is 45-50% including verbal and written communications. The Annual Programme is implemented as per guidelines received

from the Deptt. of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs.

(b) The Hindi training programme is implemented as per guidelines issued by the Department of Official Language. Last year, 90 Hindi workshops were conducted.

(c) A 'Hindi Fortnight' is proposed to be organised in September, 1996 in Ministry of Defence as per guidelines received from the Deptt. of Official Language.

(d) The Ministry of Defence brings out one Hindi magazine. The Service Hqrs., Inter-Service Organisations, publish their own Hindi magazines.

(e) The Official Languages Act, 1963 has only 9 sections. Section 2 deals with definitions.

Strengthening of Technical Education in Orissa

4781. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has requested the Union Government to provide financial assistance for strengthening the technical education in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The financial assistance for strengthening the technical education in the States including Orissa is given by the Central Government through block grants under their Annual Plans.

[Translation]

Sardar Sarovar Dam

4782. SHRI CHHATAR SINGH DARBAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the movement stated by the local people who have been affected by the height of the Sardar Sarovar Dam;

(b) if so, whether the Government would reconsider to lower the height of the said dam;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the corrective measures adopted/likely to be adopted by the Government to assist the affected people;

(e) whether the nearby historical places, temples have submerged in water due to the construction of Sardar Sarovar Dam; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Representations have been received for lowering the height of Sardar Sarovar Dam.

(b) and (c) Height of Sardar Sarovar Dam has been determined by Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDT) under its Award and the validity period of the Award is upto 2024 A.D. (45 years after Gazette Notification in 1979).

(d) The Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDT) has given exhaustive directions in regard to the resettlement & rehabilitation of the families affected by Sardar Sarovar Project. All the concerned party States of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh are carrying out necessary resettlement & rehabilitation measures for the project affected families based on their own policies which are more liberal than those provided in the Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal Award. The Narmada Control Authority is closely monitoring the overall implementation of resettlement & rehabilitation programme and advising the concerned States for speedy implementation of resettlement and rehabilitation measures.

(e) and (f) Necessary steps have been taken by the concerned party States for proper relocation of historical monuments/temples coming under submergence.

[English]

Pending Defence Projects

4783. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of defence projects particularly naval acquisition projects have been pending for the approval of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to clear those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) Government are committed to modernise the Armed Forces to maintain war preparedness. A concerted exercise is undertaken every year to determine the inter se priorities of different acquisitions and other proposals taking into account the changing threat scenario, advancement of technology, and global security environment and the availability of resources. This is an ongoing process.